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SUBJ: SELF-HELP FUNDS

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- 1. SUMMARY. IMPORTANT GROUP OF ATTRACTIVE SMALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO US AS RESULT EMBASSY'S REORIENTATION SELF- HELP PROGRAM PRIORITIES. THESE INCLUDE COOPERATIVE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WHICH WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON PRODUCTION IN SPECIFIC LOCAL AREAS. EMBASSY REQUESTS MAXIMUM POSSIBLE FOURTH QUARTER SELF- HELP FUND ALLOTMENT.
- 2. AS REPORTED EMBTEL 611, OUAGADOUGOU SELF-HELP FUND ALREADY FULLY COMMITTED. PRESENCE ADDITIONAL EXTREMELY ATTRACTIVE PROJECTS, HOWEVER, HAS CAUSED US MAKE A FEW TENTATIVE COMMITMENTS TO ADDITIONAL PROJECTS, SUBJECT AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.
- 3. PENDING REQUESTS TOTAL \$156,000 INCLUDING DAM REPAIR, WELL- DIGGING, COOPERATIVE PROJECT TO INTRODUCE MODERN FARMING METHODS, BOTTOMLAND IRRIGATION, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FARM- TO- MARKET ROAD IMPROVEMENT (SMALL BRIDGES AND CULVERTS), SCHOOLS, CO- OP AGRICULTURAL WAREHOUSE, FRUIT TREE CO- OPERATIVE, AND PROJECT TO UPGRADE TOOL- REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION ABILITIES IN SELECTED VILLAGES.

- 4. HIGH VISIBILITY AND HIGH LOCAL CONCERN SELF- HELP PROJECTS CONTINUES. IN RECENT MONTHS SELF- HELP INAUGURATIONS HAVE RECEIVED MAJOR COVERAGE IN VOLTAN PRESS AND RADIO. PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PERSONALLY TOOK INITIATIVE DISCUSS PROJECT REQUESTS WITH CHARGE RECENTLY, AS HAVE CABINET MINISTERS AND OTHER OFFICIALS.
- 5. AID POLICY DETERMINATION OF 1/12/73 ON " AID AND THE RELATIVELY LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES" CALLS FOR EFFORT TO IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES FOR MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF US AID TO LEAST- DEVELOPED COUNTRIES BASED ON NEEDS, "HOST COUNTRIES' INTERESTS, CAPACITIES AND SELF-HELP EFFORTS," AND LIMITED ADDITIONAL INPUT. BELIEVE SELF- HELP FUNDING CAN BE EXCEPTIONALLY BENEFICIAL IN LEAST- DEVELOPED COUNTRIES PRECISELY BECAUSE IT IS ADJUSTED TO THEIR OWN INTERESTS, CAPACITIES AND SELF-HELP EFFORTS. IT IS ALSO OUR IMPRESSION THAT BETTER- OFF LDC'S TEND BE AT STAGE OF LARGER PROJECTS FOR WHICH SELF- HELP FUNDS ARE OF MARGINAL UTILITY. TO GIVE EFFECT HERE TO SELF-HELP'S SPECIAL POTENTIAL, WE HAVE IN PAST YEAR REVAMPED SELF-HELP PRIORITIES TO EMPHASIZE PROJECTS WITH CLEAR AND EARLY ECONOMIC BENEFITS. AND VOLTANS ARE PRESENTING INCREASINGLY ATTRACTIVE PROJECTS AS A RESULT.
- 6. REQUEST FOURTH TRANCHE SELF- HELP FUNDS SOONEST TO FINANCE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE OF PENDING PROJECTS. EASUM

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